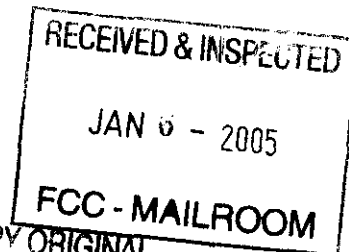


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Re: Docket # WT 04-435

According to news reports, you are proposing lifting the current ban on use of mobile phones during commercial flights. Please, please don't allow use of communication devices that involve talking. Yes, realize that some business people prefer to spend every second on the phone doing business, but the rest of us would prefer NOT to be part of their business dealings, much less being subjected to such "fascinating" conversations as to why Jane loves John; why Jane is divorcing that brute, John; what the next door neighbor did yesterday; and so forth. Flying is stressful enough these days, with all the new security regulations, the terrorist threats that caused them, and simply the usual worries about "what did I forget to pack?" "will my luggage arrive with me?" and, of course, for many people not traveling on business, the family crisis that often leads to said flight. At least, unless cursed with overly "friendly" seat partner, we can at try to relax in fairly quiet atmosphere once in the air, reading, looking at the scenery below, or just lying back and letting the mind wander. If someone wants to spend the flight communicating via e-mail, fine. Certainly have no objections. However, have already been exposed to far too many cell phone conversations while waiting in terminal. Unfortunately, the majority of such conversers appear to think the entire floor will want to hear them, as they speak in loud, carrying tones, rather than quietly. There is no reason to think such behavior will change once on board, though we're crowded together much tighter. Just take a trip on a bus or train to learn for yourself how it becomes annoying to the point of being most stressful -- and earplugs don't work that well at filtering. I've tried. Please don't remove one of the few areas left on this planet where we're protected from cell phone conversations.

Thank you for re-considering this matter, I hope.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Ireton".

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